

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-390-C

Palmetto Utility Protection Services, Inc. ("PUPS") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application requesting that the 811 abbreviated dialing code be implemented in South Carolina for all telecommunications providers in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") ruling. According to the Application, PUPS is the South Carolina one-call notification system formed and operational in accordance with the "Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act: (1978 Act No. 588 § 1, effective July 18, 1978)". PUPS' service has been in existence in the prevention of damage to buried facilities across the state since 1978. PUPS currently process approximately 650,000 notification request annually and represent over 200 underground facility owners. According to the Application, on May 13, 2005, the FCC designated, and made effective, 811 to be used as the nationally abbreviated dialing code used by state one-call notification systems for providing advance notice of excavation activities to underground facility operators in compliance with the Pipeline Safety Act.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Rhonda Dotman, Application Support Administrator, 810 Dutch Square Blvd., Suite 320, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **January 23, 2006** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-390-C.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Rhonda Dotman, Application Support Administrator, at the above address, on or before **January 23, 2006** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-390-C.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **January 23, 2006. Please refer to Docket No. 2005-390-C.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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